

REMARKS

Claims 15-21 and 23 are pending in this application. Claims 15-20 and 23 have been amended. Claims 15-21 and 23 remain.

Claims 15-19 have been amended to make them independent, claim 20 has been amended to more clearly define the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention and claim 23 has been amended to correct its dependency. The amendment adds no new matter to the specification. Support for the amendment can be throughout the specification.

Accordingly, it is thought that claims 15-21 and 23 are in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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